

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT FOR H.R. 682
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Launch Communica-
3 tions Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. ACCESS TO SPECTRUM FOR COMMERCIAL SPACE
5 LAUNCHES AND REENTRIES.**

6 (a) SERVICE RULES; ALLOCATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commis-
9 sion shall complete any proceeding in effect as of
10 such date of enactment related to the adoption of
11 service rules for access to the frequencies described
12 in subsection (c) for commercial space launches and
13 commercial space reentries, including technical spec-
14 ifications, eligibility requirements, coordination pro-
15 cedures to preserve the Nation’s defense capabilities,
16 and the allocation on a secondary basis of the fre-
17 quencies described in subsection (c).

1 (2) COORDINATION WITH NATIONAL TELE-
2 COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRA-
3 TION.—The coordination procedures adopted under
4 paragraph (1) shall include requirements for persons
5 conducting commercial space launches and commer-
6 cial space reentries to coordinate with the Assistant
7 Secretary regarding access to the frequencies de-
8 scribed in subsection (c) for commercial space
9 launches and commercial space reentries.

10 (b) STREAMLINING OF PROCESS FOR GRANTING AU-
11 THORIZATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall issue
13 new regulations to streamline the process for granting au-
14 thorizations for access to the frequencies described in sub-
15 section (c) for commercial space launches and commercial
16 space reentries so as to provide for—

17 (1) authorizations that include access to such
18 frequencies for multiple commercial space launches
19 from one or more Federal space launch sites and
20 multiple commercial space reentries to one or more
21 Federal space launch sites;

22 (2) authorizations that include access to such
23 frequencies for multiple commercial space launches
24 from one or more private space launch sites and

1 multiple commercial space reentries to one or more
2 private space launch sites;

3 (3) authorizations that include access to mul-
4 tiple uses of such frequencies for commercial space
5 launch or commercial space reentry;

6 (4) automation of the processes of the Commis-
7 sion to review applications for authorizations for ac-
8 cess to such frequencies for commercial space
9 launches and commercial space reentries; and

10 (5) improved coordination by the Commission
11 with the Assistant Secretary (who shall coordinate
12 with the heads of such other Federal agencies as the
13 Assistant Secretary considers appropriate) to in-
14 crease the speed of review of applications for author-
15 izations for access to such frequencies for commer-
16 cial space launches and commercial space reentries.

17 (c) FREQUENCIES DESCRIBED.—The frequencies de-
18 scribed in this subsection are the following:

19 (1) The frequencies between 2025 and 2110
20 megahertz, between 2200 and 2290 megahertz, be-
21 tween 2360 and 2395 megahertz, and between 5650
22 and 5925 megahertz.

23 (2) Any additional frequencies identified by the
24 Commission (in coordination with the Assistant Sec-
25 retary, in the case of potential impact to Federal

1 spectrum use) as necessary to conduct commercial
2 space launches and commercial space reentries.

3 (d) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

4 (1) FREQUENCY RANGES.—Each range of fre-
5 quencies described in this section shall be construed
6 to be inclusive of the upper and lower frequencies in
7 the range.

8 (2) SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY.—Noth-
9 ing in this section may be construed to authorize or
10 require elimination or limitation of, or any amend-
11 ment to, or otherwise to affect, special temporary
12 authority, as provided for by section 1.931 of title
13 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor
14 regulation).

15 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-
17 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of
18 Commerce for Communications and Information.

19 (2) COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH.—The term
20 “commercial space launch” means a launch licensed
21 under chapter 509 of title 51, United States Code.

22 (3) COMMERCIAL SPACE REENTRY.—The term
23 “commercial space reentry” means a reentry li-
24 censed under chapter 509 of title 51, United States
25 Code.

1 (4) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
2 means the Federal Communications Commission.

